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WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) announced \$13,171 in funding for Cayuga County and the City of Auburn to prevent and control crime through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG).

"Crime is cyclical, and during tough economic times criminal activity tends to go up," **said Arcuri, who served as Oneida County District Attorney for 13 years.**

"That is why it is even more important to ensure our local law enforcement agencies have resources available to put more police on the streets to fight crime. The JAG program is a proven and effective source that provides officers with the tools and training necessary to keep our communities safe."

Cayuga County and the city of Auburn will use the JAG award in the amount of \$13,171 to support law enforcement initiatives. Specifically, grant funds will be used to purchase a law enforcement system, software, and handheld data collectors. This system will enable the Auburn Police Department and the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office to more thoroughly investigate both accident scenes involving serious physical injury and/or death and crime scenes where accurate measurements and crime scene documentation are vital to the investigation. The city of Auburn will serve as the fiscal agent for this award.

The Department of Justice's JAG Program is a partnership among federal, state, and local governments to help create safer communities. JAG grants are awarded to state and local governments to improve the criminal justice system with an emphasis on breaking the cycle of substance abuse and crime, combating violence, holding offenders accountable, enhancing law enforcement initiatives, and supporting advancements in adjudication. Many of the allocations for local governments require counties and their municipalities to file joint applications, with a Memorandum of Understanding stating how they will divide the funds.

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